

think that somehow pulling away from Russia is the answer. It is the worst solution. It is the worst alternative in terms of dealing with the concerns of our homeland and its security.

So I would encourage our colleagues to look at this legislation, to cosponsor it and to work to get it brought up on the House and Senate floors as quickly as possible.

Finally, in closing, Mr. Speaker, let me just speak a word or two about a man who I think will go down in history as the 21st century Winston Churchill. I was not a big fan of Tony Blair's up until this year, Mr. Speaker, but let me tell you, I have changed my mind.

You know, Britain went through a very difficult time when Adolf Hitler was in power in Germany, and I remember from my history lesson the position of Winston Churchill as a minority voice in Great Britain, calling out for the people to be wary of this man Hitler and what he might do to dominate people around him and to eventually inflict pain on Britain.

The people of Britain laughed at him. They said Churchill was an alarmist. Instead, they listened to Neville Chamberlain. Neville Chamberlain had a very famous meeting with Adolf Hitler. At that meeting he supposedly received assurances from Adolf Hitler that Hitler had no intention of harming Great Britain, that Hitler had no intention of harming Europe.

So Neville Chamberlain went back to Britain and gave a famous speech. In that famous speech he pronounced those famous words: "Don't worry, Britain. Peace is at hand." Within a matter of a few short weeks, Britain was being bombarded with missiles launched by Germany, Adolf Hitler.

It was Winston Churchill who then rose to prominence. It was Winston Churchill, who had been mocked by the people of Britain, who stood up and provided leadership, and perhaps Britain, Europe and the world's worst hour. It was Winston Churchill who had the courage to do the right thing, in spite of the animosity generated by the people of his Nation and by those who said, "We can negotiate with Hitler. He will listen to us. He has agreed not to attack us and agreed not to harm Europe."

Thank goodness for Winston Churchill, that he was there, to call to arms Great Britain, Europe and eventually America.

I am convinced, Mr. Speaker, Tony Blair is the Winston Churchill of the 21st century. Under absolutely outrageous odds, from his own party, internal bickering and sniping at him, to the British people, to world opinion, to the European leaders, his neighbors, Tony Blair stood up, and he stood for his convictions, and he did the right thing.

So, Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight in final summary of my discussion about the war to pay tribute to someone who I think will go down in history as an

equivalent to Winston Churchill in the 21st century, a man who stood up and did the right thing under impossible conditions.

Now, that is not to minimize the leadership of our great President. George Bush provided the vision, but it would have been far easier for Tony Blair to blend in with the European crowd, with the Jacques Chiracs, the Gerhard Schroeders, and said that is not our battle, that is not our worry. Tony Blair did not do that.

This Nation, this body and the world owes Tony Blair on this evening of the celebration of the stabilization of Iraq and Baghdad a tremendous vote of thanks.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURGESS). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1724. A letter from the Secretary of the Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the decision to order up to 150,000 additional workstations under the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) contract; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1725. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report required pursuant to title 10, United States Code, section 12302(d), relating to those units of the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces that remained on active duty under the provisions of section 12302 as of January 1, 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1726. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled, "Devolution of Research, Development, Test and Evaluation Programs and Activities Beginning in FY 2004"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1727. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting notification regarding the Department's study required by the Senate Armed Services Committee report accompanying the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2003; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1728. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the annual report of the Armed Forces Retirement Home for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

1729. A letter from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits — received April 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

1730. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's annual financial report to Congress required by the Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992 (PDUFA) for

fiscal year 2002, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 379g note; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1731. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Devices; Reclassification of the Knee Joint Patellofemoral Metal/Polymer Porous-Coated Uncemented Prosthesis and the Knee Joint Femorotibial (Uni-compartmental) Metal/Polymer Porous-Coated Uncemented Prosthesis [Docket No. 00N-0018] received April 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1732. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Labeling Requirements for Systemic Antibacterial Drug Products Intended for Human Use; Correction [Docket No. 00N-1463] (RIN: 0910-AB78) received April 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1733. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — New Animal Drugs; Phenylbutazone; Extralabel Animal Drug Use; Order of Prohibition; Correction [Docket No. 03N-0024] received April 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1734. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report entitled, "Policy on terminating the Arab League Boycott of Israel and expanding the process of normalization between the Arab League countries and Israel," pursuant to Public Law 108-7, section 535; to the Committee on International Relations.

1735. A letter from the Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting the 2002 Annual Report of the Bonneville Power Administration, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 839(h)(12)(B); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1736. A letter from the Chief Operating Officer, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, transmitting the Board's annual inventory of activities; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1737. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Financial Report of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2002 (Financial Report); to the Committee on Government Reform.

1738. A letter from the Director, Holocaust Memorial Museum, transmitting the Annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1739. A letter from the Executive Director for Operations, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a report on Year 2002 Inventory of Commercial Activities and Inherently Governmental Functions; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1740. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a report on the Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act Inventory as of June 30, 2002; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1741. A letter from the Chief Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia, transmitting the Superior Court's Family Court Transition Plan; to the Committee on Government Reform.

1742. A letter from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting a report discussing the AOC's activities to improve worker safety during the first quarter of FY03; to the Committee on House Administration.

1743. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting a biennial report on Atlantic Bluefin

Tuna (2001-2002), pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 971i; to the Committee on Resources.

1744. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; Final 2003 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish; Correction [Docket No. 021212307-3037-02; I.D. 110602C] received April 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1745. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No. 021212306-2306-01; I.D. 031703B] received April 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1746. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific cod by Catcher Ves-

sels Less Than 60 ft (18.3m) LOA Using Jig or Hook-and-Line Gear in the Bogosl of Pacific Cod Exemption Area in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area [Docket No. 020718172-2303-02; I.D. 032503D] received April 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1747. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Species in the Rock sole/Flathead sole/"Other flatfish" Fishery Category by Vessels Using Trawl Gear in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area [Docket No. 021212307-3037-02; I.D. 032103D] received April 3, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

1748. A letter from the Commissioner, Department of the Treasury, transmitting FY 2002 Report to the Congress U.S. Government Receivables and Debt Collection Activities of Federal Agencies, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3716(c)(3)(B); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1749. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Paralyzed Veterans of America, transmitting a copy of the annual audit report of

the Paralyzed Veterans of America for the fiscal year 2002, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 1166; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1750. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the 41st Annual Report of the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal year 2002, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. app. 1118; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1751. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Joint Hurricane Testbed (JHT) Opportunities for Transfer of Research and Technology into Tropical Cyclone Analysis and Forecast Operations [Docket No. 021114275-3052-02] received April 1, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

1752. A letter from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting the Thirteenth Annual Report describing the Board's health and safety activities relating to the Department of Energy's defense nuclear facilities during the calendar year 2002; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Energy and Commerce.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of House proceedings.

Today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.